

## Why Hampton Wick Library is better than Amazon

We sometimes hear that the meteoric rise of Amazon has contributed to a reduction in use of Libraries. Whether or not that's true, we're going to lift the lid on a secret that may surprise you: Hampton Wick Library's book ordering service is **better than Amazon**.

One of the things that has made Amazon so successful is its huge range and the convenience of searching and browsing online. You can order almost any book to be delivered to your home.

BUT did you know that you can order any book to be delivered to Hampton Wick Library for you from a range of over 6 million items? Books can be sourced from the stocks of **all libraries in the South East and London** (known as the SELMS consortium). You can search or browse through the range **online – just like Amazon** - or ask the Library for a specific title that you're after.

And the Library service is **FREE!**

OK, you don't get to keep the book but, be honest, how many of the books you buy on Amazon do you re-read? Besides, you can always re-order it again from the Library if you do want another look.

Hampton Wick Library's book ordering service is available online at [www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries) or directly via the Library. You can pick up your books when it's convenient for you on Wednesdays, Fridays or Saturdays.

And if you need more than three weeks to finish your book you can also renew them online too.

And it's all **FREE!**

Other reasons why Hampton Wick Library's book ordering service\* is better than Amazon:

1. No packaging to deal with. Don't you get fed up processing all that tough corrugated cardboard to fit in the recycling bin?
2. No missed deliveries. Aren't you becoming embarrassed having to bother your neighbours to ask – again! – about the Amazon delivery they've kindly taken in for you, knowing that they probably do the same for half the neighbours in the street now that the delivery driver has discovered someone who works from home.
3. Cleaner environment. Instead of contributing to all those delivery vans, driving slowly through residential areas pumping out carbon emissions, you can just stroll or cycle to the Library which is one minute from the High Street, three minutes from the station.
4. Cut down your support for a mega-multinational that avoids paying its taxes here, and show your support for a local community amenity run by hard-working qualified librarians.

Get started by visiting [www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries) and clicking on Find a Book. You'll need your Richmond Card or library card plus your PIN. If you don't have or remember your PIN you can also request it via the website or at the Library.

\*Strictly speaking the Hampton Wick Library book ordering service is the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames book ordering service but round here we like to focus on the local.